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The Tories' axe has fallen

College loses three programs

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

After a $3.3 million funding cut from the provincial government, the Niagara College Board of Governors has approved a strategy to deal with the reduction, which includes staff reductions and the elimination of three programs.

At a board meeting held Dec. 14, 1995, a number of initiatives were approved to supplement the cuts, which take effect April 1.

Three current programs are being axed from the college curriculum including: Nursing, Interior Design, and Manufacturing Engineering Technology (Co-op). Students enrolled in these programs will be able to complete their studies, but no new students will be accepted.

A review of programs will be based on employment opportunities, enrolment, financial viability and program availability at other colleges.

Dental programs will be remodeled and the three-year Manufacturing Engineering Technology (Co-op) will be replaced with a new two-year Manufacturing Technician program.

Niagara will also see a staff reduction with as many as 59 full-time staff to be leaving the college, some through early retirement and some through layoffs.

College officials said they hope to increase revenues in programs for international students and contract training whose costs are self-supplied. International students pay $8,900 compared $1,109 for Canadian students.

The college has also announced a restructing of administration and support service to improve efficiency but retain effectiveness, as well as make significant reductions in supplies and travel.

"This is a difficult time for all of us, but we definitely have our focus on the future," Niagara College President Dan Patterson said in a recent media release.

Students with snowshoes

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Go on a vacation and earn three credits.

The Winter Wilderness Adventure is available as an alternative General Education elective to all students, staff and the public.

A person from the public would have to register as a part-time student in the General Arts and Sciences program, but would not be required to take further courses.

"It's an alternative means of obtaining an elective," said Bruce Tallon, co-ordinator of General Education.

The course was originally part of the Ambulance and Emergency Care program as an elective, but it was decided to open up to see what the response would be to enrolment.

The adventure leader and organizer is Valerie Grabove, an instructor in the English department, who has completed a similar course to the one at Niagara College.

It's a chance for people to experience things they never have before and enables them to experience "first-hand" environmental issues, said Grabove.

Students can also get a better understanding of native Indian affairs, animal rights, forestry, wildlife management and the fur trade.

Students in the course will have a couple of preparation sessions and a debriefing session prior to the trip. The participants will leave for their seven-day excursion on March 9 and return March 16.

Travelling 400 km north, they will visit the Temagami Wilderness Centre, where they will be supplied with snowshoes and learn the art of snowshoeing.

Venturing further north to the Patten River Camp, located slightly beyond Iroquios Falls. Students will have to ski 18 km along a logging road just to get into the camp.

"That in itself is an experience," said Grabove.

Once at the camp, students will be able to set their personal goals, keep a journal and experience some of Canada's shrinking wilderness.

"For me, it's an alternative teaching method," she said.

Students have seven days to attempt personal firsts and get away from the urban safety-net, she said.

Accommodations will range from a rustic lodge to dormitory-style facilities at the camp. Travel will be by mini-bus and the cost of the trip is $420 to $550, depending on the number of applicants.

Anyone interested in registering for this outdoor classroom, or course disguised as a field trip, should act fast. Deadline for registering is Feb. 1. Contact the college at 735-2211 to register. For further information, Garbove can be reached at ext. 7741.

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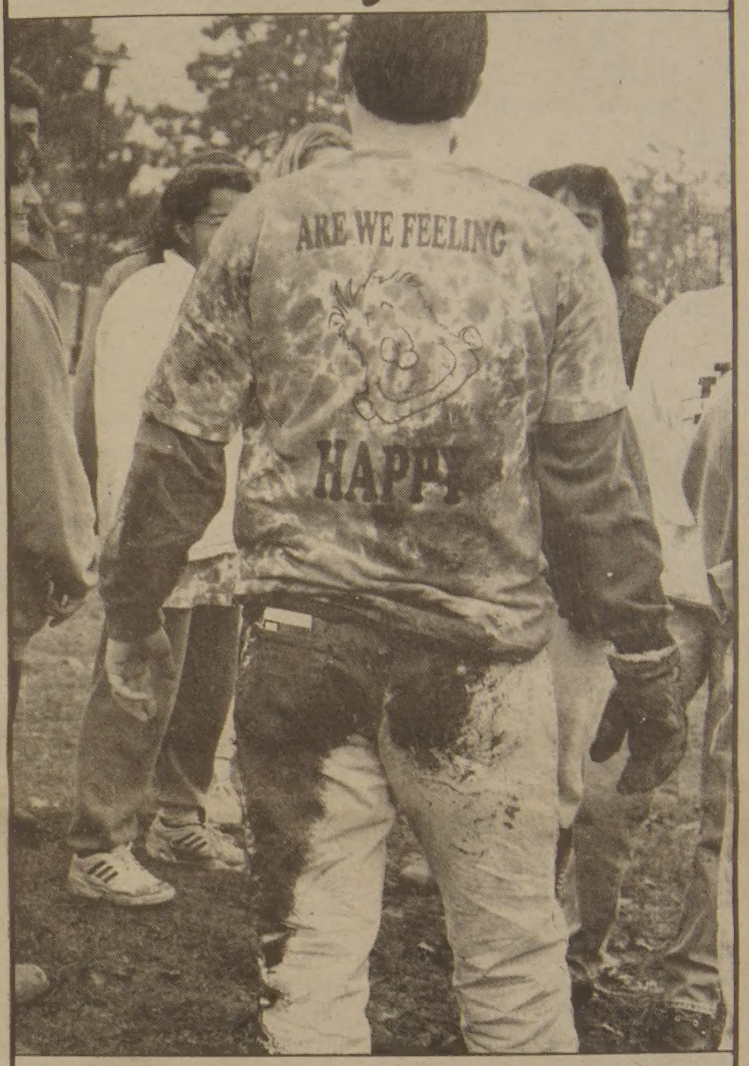

A Wintercourse participant is feeling "happy" after a muddy slide in the tug of war competition. See page 12 for more photos.
Photo by Teresa Armstrong

Family gets new home

By JENNIFER TURNER
Staff Writer

Community helps rebuild home

A Niagara College student, Christine Guthridge, has found a new place to live for her and her two children after a fire on Jan. 15 left them homeless.

"I just found a place this weekend," said Guthridge, who is living at her mother's house since everything at her Aqueduct Street apartment in Welland was destroyed.

Guthridge, a Social Service Worker program student who just turned 30 on Jan. 18, said almost everything was destroyed.

"All furniture (was destroyed), except one bed. All my daughter's things," she said.

She said the fire started in her 13-year-old daughter's bedroom.

Guthridge, her daughter, Morgan, and son, Aaron, 7, were at school during the fire. No cause has been determined.

Guthridge didn't have insurance.

"I did but with the provincial cuts it was a matter of food or insurance. I cut that out unfortunately," she said. Her social assistance was reduced by more than $300.

But churches, a biker's club and her class at school has helped the family out.

"Incredible, so many things from everywhere. From furniture, clothes to personal stuff," she said.

She said a newsletter was sent home from her children's school and in three days they made $840.

"Bags and bags of toys and clothes are coming in everyday."

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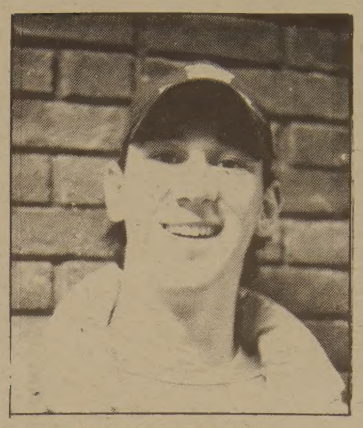
What are you doing for Super Bowl Sunday?



BEN HARPWOOD

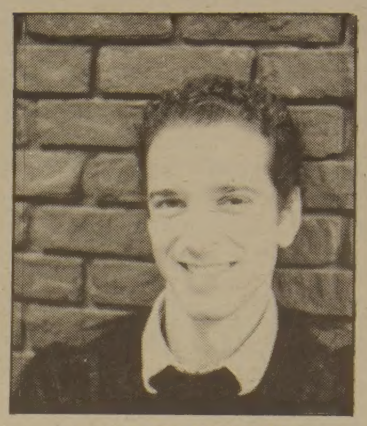
By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

Ben Harpwood, 20, of Port Colborne, will be working on Sunday night. Although Harpwood, a Construction Engineering Technology program student, is unable to watch the game, he said, he thinks the Pittsburgh Steelers will win against the Dallas Cowboys.

ABDUL ABDULLE

Abdul Abdulle, 21, of Toronto, said he plans to watch the Super Bowl with friends.

"Emmitt Smith is going to be tough," said Abdulle, a first-year Computer Engineer Technology program student. He said he hopes the Cowboys win.



MARCEL VALADE

"I hope Pittsburgh wins. They haven't won for a long time," said **Marcel Valade**, 24, of Niagara Falls.

"I'm going to celebrate at home on Sunday," said Valade, a Business Administration Information Systems program student. He said he normally attends a party put together by the Knights of Columbus in Niagara Falls, but "unfortunately they are not having one this year."

AMANDA MUNRO

"I don't even know who's playing," said **Amanda Munro**, 18, of Welland.

"It's my friend's birthday, so we're going to be celebrating that instead of the Super Bowl," said Munro, a first-year Call Centre Management program student.

JOE FOURNIER

"I'm going to go to my buddy's house because he has a big screen T. V. and we're going to watch it there," said **Joe Fournier**, 33, of Welland.

"I hope Troy Aikmar breaks both his legs, him and that little weenie running back, Emmitt Smith," said Fournier, who is taking a Metallurgy course through Continuing Education.

He said he is a big football fan, but he "hates Dallas."

SAC re-evaluates its constitution

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Like Canadian politicians, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) at Niagara College is debating its constitution.

SAC members tried to sort out, understand and define their role in the SAC constitution at the regular SAC meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The agenda included the recommendations submitted before Jan. 19, to Paula Dempsey, executive vice-president, and Mike Matkowski, vice-president external affairs. Those recommendations were never heard.

Matkowski and Dempsey said major discrepancies had to be addressed concerning the role of members.

Dempsey said roles aren't well defined. The constitution is outdated and "full of contradictions."

Matkowski said, "It could be interpreted that SAC is a committee to the board of directors."

The board is made up of: the executive committee (SAC members), three student representatives and the board of directors, the SAC constitution says.

The board of directors differs from the Board of Governors in that the board of directors deals only with the operations of SAC.

Council decided to seek recommendations because "there were a couple of things that needed to be changed," says Bren Biggs, SAC president.

She says a large part of the reasoning was to make it easier for incoming councils and aid management time for the new members.

The list is to be presented to the board at the annual general meeting. No confirmed date for that meeting has been set.

A number of new recommendations were submitted but not discussed.

They include:

• creating three full-time executive positions of chief executive officer, vice-president social affairs and vice-president communications.

The executive candidates would be full-time students at the time of the election; and required to take at least two General Education courses the following year. They "would generally take the year off school," said Mark McNiven, vice-president internal affairs, in his offerings.

Each member would have an assistant who would apply for the job. The three assistants would work on a 10-hour honorarium.

Biggs' list of recommendations included:

• change the positions of vice-president external, vice-president internal and vice-president athletics into appointed positions. Those interested in the position would apply post-election and would go through the interview process before SAC and the board.

Restructure the student government into two tiers. All campuses would be represented in the upper tier with three representatives from Welland, two from St. Catharines, one from the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. A chair, appointed from the Welland campus, would be given voting privileges only to break a tie.

The lower tier her written statement says, "would have three representatives elected from the Welland campus (president, executive vice-president and vice-president social)."

With no motion on floor about the recommendations, SAC members ended its meeting, saying a separate meeting might be held.

Survey results positive

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

Sue Bartlett, a library technician at the Welland Learning Resource Centre (LRC), describes a recent LRC survey as "very positive".

The survey was conducted by Bartlett from Nov. 13 to the middle of December. Students were encouraged to fill out the surveys to indicate what they liked and disliked about the library. A total of 135 surveys were filled out.

"Many of the students made comments on the surveys that they are happy with the library, and its services."

The LRC staff received a high response level and students seem to be happy with the amount of staff assistance provided.

"The students indicated they would like to have more group space for working on projects," said Bartlett.

Some students expressed their concern that the library is too noisy, and should be quieter for study purposes.

"The students would also like to see more new books on the shelves and access to another photocopier in the library."

"It's too early to tell what kind of changes will be made. We buy new books every year, but we don't know at this time what next year's budget will be," she said.

"We are certainly aware of the need for new books," said Trish Labonte, head librarian at the Welland campus.

"Our challenge is to provide the best resources possible within the available budget."

"This year for example we decided to install Academic Abstracts."

This CD-ROM includes up-to-date articles from 50 current journals.

"I'd like to encourage our students to check with the library staff if the book collection is limited. Often we will have more up-to-date materials on the CD-ROM's or in the periodical or reference section."

"The response validates from what we've heard from students over time," she said.

"Certainly concrete feedback is welcome. Once the full project is complete, the staff at our other campuses have indicated they are interested in the same model."

College's December food drive considered a success

By JENNIFER TURNER
Staff Writer

Niagara College students, faculty and support staff came through strongly with donations for the "Food For Friends" food drive in December.

"I have to be proud," said Mike Matkowski, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president of external affairs. "There is a very rich assortment (of food). Unfortunately, the surrounding stores weren't able to donate as much as I expected."

SAC donated more than $150 worth of food.

"A lot of people need to be thanked," said Michelle Pugh, assistant to the director of student life and success.

"SAC is the one who wanted to organize it and they did a great job. They didn't want to be responsible for distribution afterward. They thought people would feel uncomfortable going to SAC and saying they're in need. We figured counselling would be a better location."

Food such as canned goods, cereal, desserts, Kraft dinner, pastas and sauce are displayed neatly in groups in a storage room near the counselling office.

Matkowski said quite a bit of food is left as the storage room looks well-stocked.

"It's been a steady use, but not as much as we expected so there's lots of food left," said Pugh. "A lot of the needy people coming in so far have children."

She said students have needed and appreciated the food.

"Anyone needing food can come

to ME103. We prefer if they can see a counsellor to discuss their need. However, if they can't but are in need now, they can ask for Michelle. I'll take them and they can help themselves."

Pugh said people pick their own food because they know what and how much they need.

"If people would still like to donate, the boxes are still there," said Pugh. But, Matkowski said the boxes will be pulled soon.

"There will definitely be another drive if the need is there," said Matkowski, adding he would like to thank all the people who brought in food.

"A sincere thank you to those who helped," said Pugh.

ACC globalizes Niagara College

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

ACC's winning bid will benefit students and college alike.

The ACC TelEnterprises Ltd. will play a role in hooking up colleges, students and other interested parties.

The College System, a consortium of 26 colleges, put an offer in Globe and Mail and ACC won a tender in November, beating out other potential service providers.

Beth Weldon, director of management information services, says ACC's winning bid offers 1/3 of the proposed cost of other competitors.

Colleges couldn't keep up with the changes on the Internet, says Weldon, "having been in this industry for a long time the pace today is like nothing before."

In 1993, there were 11 web servers. Two years later, this number had jumped to 23,000. As of Friday, Jan. 12, the college has its very own web server. It is here that the Niagara College Home Page will originate from.

Weldon says the college plans to promote the ACC to more than 2,000 current users.

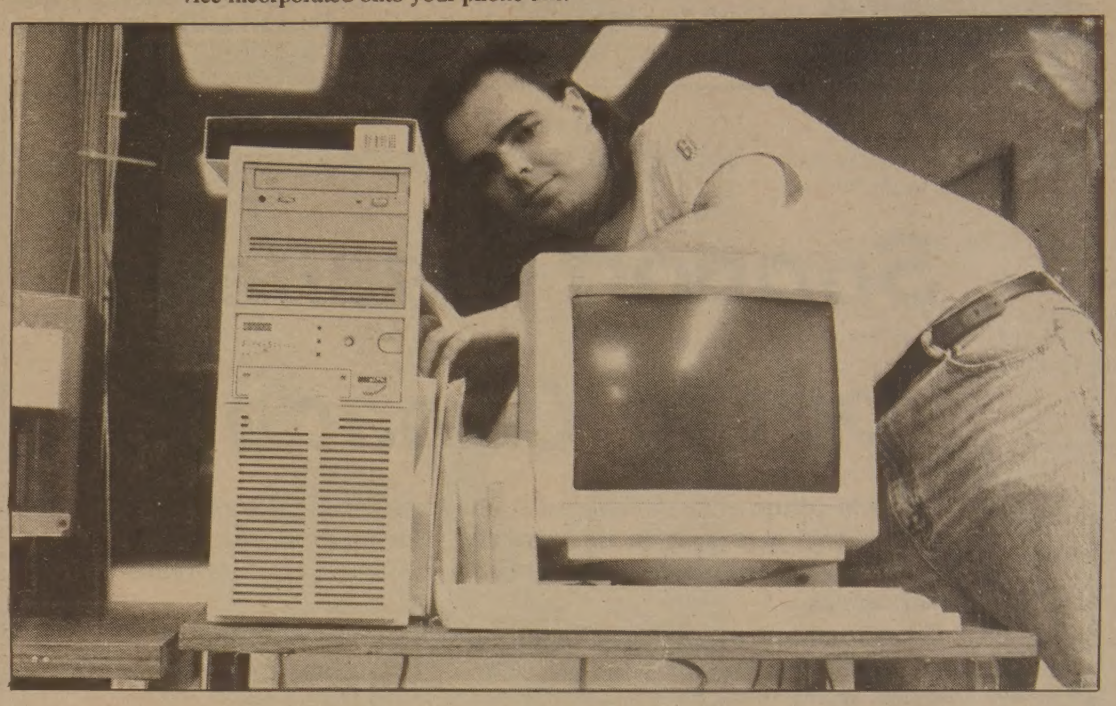
The ACC's winning bid unfolded around the time the college realized it could no longer pay for services. The college plans to double the number of its lines in the future to alleviate the problems of constantly tied up lines.

ACC will simply provide "access for a reasonable price" to students and faculty alike.

"College mandate is to its students," says Weldon,adding when graphics came along the web emerged into a very sophisticated and intricate monster. Too big, and too expensive for the college to continue monitoring. The Internet service has been offered to college students since the 1980s.

Weldon says there have been no major problems with students, although, there have been in the past isolated incidents of people breaking into computer accounts, but there is a procedure set up to deal with the unwelcomed intruder.

Weldon says she envisions the current Internet evolving "from today's web into a service incorporated onto your phone bill."



Mike Gould, 23, "enjoying his 15 minutes of fame" with the Web Server.
Photo by Victor Zaniewski

Jobs on line @ Niagara

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

Students looking for employment can now hook into the Internet's employment superhighway.

Net Jobs, an employment and resume listing service for the Internet, and Work Web, a resume database located on the worldwide web, are two examples of services offered to students through the Internet.

"Students should know there are a lot of these services out there and they need to be careful like they would with anything they're paying for, as there is a fee to have their resumes displayed on such services," says Janet Forfar, graduate employment officer with Employment Services at Niagara College.

Employment Services is working to hookup the Internet for students to activate resume services, access job postings for job opportunities that are available and also for researching companies.

They're estimating the system will be operational for the Internet sometime between now and April.

"My caution to students is to check out such things as what their resume is going to look like on the system, ask the user how many hits (people) have been actually accessing the database?" says Forfar, "How often is it updated? What kind of usage are they getting and to make sure there's been a lot of hits in your field area, not a database that looks mainly just at other areas."

Graduate placement people, like herself, from across Canada work in association with Employment Services. They're looking at setting up a specific database for graduates from colleges and universities.

"Students just really have to be careful that they aren't paying for something that they aren't going to get or that isn't going to get good usage," says Forfar.

For more information on how to post your resumes on line through Net Jobs please contact: Net Jobs Information Services, 6695 Millcreek Dr., Unit 8, Mississauga, Ont., L5N 5R8. Phone (905) 542-9484 or Fax (905) 542-9479 and email: info@netjobs.com.

The Internet access at Niagara College is at the scheduled computer labs in M202A and L13.

Medical students in touch with technology

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

Its small size makes it unique.

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at the Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines has three specialized touch-screen programs purchased by the nursing division.

The Mack Nursing Library is the only one of the five Niagara College campuses to have this service.

Indexes to the nursing journals are stored on the CD-ROM system as well as the book of Nursing Allied Health Literature. The service is in constant use as nursing students search for information on medical issues.

The LRC is also equipped with two different computer systems, which include programs such as DOS, WordPerfect and Lotus — are available throughout the college.

"Maintaining the library here is my most significant achievement," said Charlotte Boyd, a librarian technician for the Mack Nursing campus.

The library also offers students the use of an audio visual area as well as videos related to the nursing program.

"What I like most about being a library technician is trying to find out what the students want, especially when they come to me with reference questions," said Boyd.

Along with Boyd, there are two part-time library technicians, Irene Masun and Jane Foster.

The hours of the LRC are 8:15 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health Fair to provide quick answers

BY DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Niagara College will host a Health Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the purpose being to create awareness of community resources.

"College is a temporary thing," says Carolyn Hurst, nurse for the Welland campus. "College is, in a lot of cases, an interim between home and the rest of your life.

"Part of my job, I feel, is to help you broaden your resource base."

Hurst and Christine Philbrick, the nurse for the other Niagara College campuses, have accomplished this by bringing at least 40 area health-related agencies to the Welland campus.

Hurst says this will be a "starting point" for people who want answers quickly but can't find what they need from just one person or agency.

She wants students to see what's available in the community, even though they may not need this information now. Later in life, they may find themselves faced with a medical problem and as a result of the fair, they may remember where to find help.

The displays will start outside of the Hamilton Room, travel through the Tecumseh Centre past the Learning Resource Centre and bookstore, and end near the Health Centre in the Lundy Wing.

In the Niagara Regional Health Services' displays, students will find information on everything from nutrition to sexually transmittable diseases and reproductive health. Regional Health Services will also be offering blood pressure checks.

Among the participants are AIDS Niagara, Big Brothers of Niagara South, Canadian Cancer Society, Epilepsy Niagara Peninsula Association, Lung Association Niagara Region, Multiple Sclerosis Society and Pain Management Services.

Plans are being made to bring smaller versions of the Health Fair to the St. Catharines Campus, the Mack Nursing Education Centre and the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

This event is open to the public.

HEALTH FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31. TWO SHIFTS AVAILABLE—9 A.M. TO NOON, AND NOON TO 3 P.M.

REQUIRED TO MEET AND GREET PARTICIPATING GROUPS, HELP THEM SET UP AND TAKE DOWN.

CONTACT CAROLYN HURST AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, LUNDY 20.

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Support reaches out to Canada

self-help group: a non-professional organization formed by people with a common problem or situation, for the purpose of pooling resources, gathering information, and offering mutual support, services, or care — **Grollier Encyclopedia.**

We see support groups being formed everyday in our society. Support groups for drug addicts, sex addicts, alcoholics, single parents, cancer patients, mothers against drunk drivers, and over eaters, just to name a few.

Amidst the political unrest we see spreading over most of Canada as the millennium approaches, it is apparent that something must be done to hold the borders of our provinces together.

Isn't it interesting — and refreshing — to see pro-Canada groups now popping up from coast to coast in the wake of last October's Quebec referendum.

As Maclean's writer Chris Wood wrote: "politicians had very nearly let Canada come apart at the seams, and the task of saving the country may now be up to its citizens."

People with a common bond coming together to help each other through tough times is a concept that has been around for decades on smaller scales — it's about time visions of support reach out to all of Canada.

Laury Reid

Glowing dot extremely annoying

In keeping with family tradition as in most Canadian households, I tuned in Hockey Night in Canada last Saturday to watch the 1996 NHL All-Star game.

The intense interest, however, was not only in the game but in the Fox Broadcasting Network's version of the telecast.

Was I the only person who found this blue/orange glowing dot extremely annoying not to mention distracting. What if I have a black and white T.V.? Now, from what I can gather, the reasoning behind this ingenius idea is to help the American public more easily see the puck.

Let me get this straight. The American public can't see a black puck on white ice but they can see a white fast-ball travelling at 96 miles per hour?

We, as Canadians, have been watching hockey in this country for decades without any problem (better eyesight) in following the puck. I suppose if our national sport is to be marketable to our neighbors to the south things will have to change a bit to appease the masses.

Thankfully the CBC hasn't jumped on this technological bandwagon yet, because this Canadian likes its hockey straight up — hold the gimmicks.

Patty Mallais

Letter to the Editor

Job well done

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Orientation Committee, I would like to extend my thanks to Lee-Ann Ayres for her assistance with the January '96 Orientation program.

The Special Edition of Niagara News was very well received by all present, and continues to be distributed to new students as they enter college throughout the month of January.

It was a very professional-looking document, and we were glad to have it available as a souvenir for our new "guests."

Keep up the great work ... and good luck as you complete your studies.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Chiki,
Director, Student Life and Success

Nothing noble about war

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

While skipping through my television set, I stopped to notice the euphoric way in which the American media celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Gulf War.

I had to take issue with this indignation served to its victims. It was insulting to have this peanut-brain announcer speak in such glowing terms about "the thrill of war." This warm invitation was accompanied by one of those idiotic 1-800-THE-KILL phone numbers.

This particular casting of the old glory shames us all, for there is nothing noble about war. In Washington, ignorance runs wild and the business community dictates official policies.

I was as perplexed as an allied soldier who discovered after the war that their government used the conflict as a platform to launch their uranium plated shells.

Now, at least, I understand why Baghdad lit up like a Christmas tree.

Normally, in such scenarios United Nations (UN) elects to respond with sanctions and negotiations — sanctions rarely work and are very often vetoed by UN's more affluent members.

Victory over Iraq was rapid and decisive and it achieved its objective to humiliate.

I know very little about the Vietnam conflict, and the Gulf War isn't any more familiar, but it all sounds to me like the Americans are trying to distance themselves from the savagery of the Vietnam War.

When an exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry offers people a chance to fire machine guns from a helicopter at Vietnamese huts, already, I feel, we have compromised our humanity.

The propaganda machine keeps on rolling, derailed only by a clear rejection of the ideology.

Naked aggression against a Third-World country is a tradition dating back 500 years to the European conquest of the world. The U.S. has utilized the emotionally potent us versus them attitude as it sees fit. The U.S. is the self-elected guardian of peace, with no reservations to oppose aggression.

Until we learn to distinguish the facts from the lies, we will voluntarily be subjugated to campaigns of fright to the populace in support of massive atrocities. Willingly, we become part of the problem rather than its solution.

Your opinions welcome

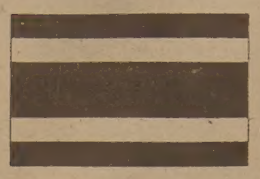
Your voice or opinion is welcome in our **Letters to the Editor** section. Our policy regarding letter submission is:

1. All letters must be received on the Friday one week prior to publication.
2. Each letter must include the student's name, college identification number and program of study.
3. All letters must be signed and include a day and evening phone number for verification use only.

All letters can be mailed or brought to the Niagara News newsroom, Room S212, Simcoe Building, Welland campus.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Comparisons in education around the world



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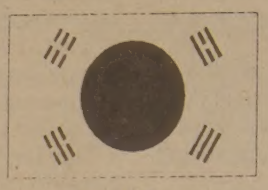
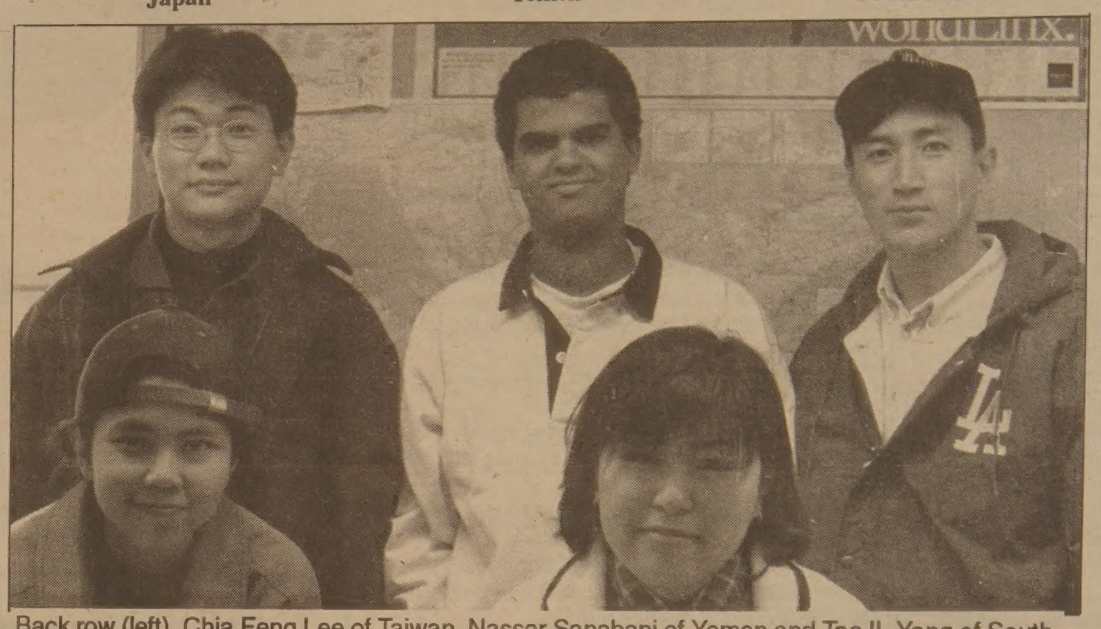


South Korea

Taiwan

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Students from the ESL program discover the differences in the educational system. The students are Nassar Sanabani from **Yemen**, Uthumporn Bunsamran from **Thailand**, Chiemi Horiuchi from **Japan**, Tae IL Yang from **South Korea** and Chia Feng Lee from **Taiwan**.



Back row (left), Chia Feng Lee of Taiwan, Nassar Sanabani of Yemen and Tae IL Yang of South Korea. Front row (left), Uthumporn Bunsamran of Thailand and Chiemi Horiuchi of Japan.

Photo by Tracy Laprise

Q. What duties are performed in school?

Yemen: You have a choice in school. If you want to clean then you receive extra marks towards a "behavior subject." This is only in high school. This subject is worth 10 per cent of final grades. If you have good behavior, you will receive marks.

Thailand: The students clean the high schools.

Japan, Korea and **Taiwan**: The students clean the high school except in universities, there is a janitor.

Q. How many days and hours are you in school for? What time does it start and finish?

Yemen: They are in school for six days starting at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday is their vacation day.

Thailand: They are in school for five days starting at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Japan: They are in school for six days starting at 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Their vacation day is Sunday.

Korea: They are in school for six days starting at 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Taiwan: They are in school for six days starting at 7:40 a.m. to 5 p.m. The senior students are in school until 9 p.m.

Q. How many students do you have in your classrooms?

Yemen, Thailand, Japan, Korea, and **Taiwan** all consist of 40 to 50 students in each of the classrooms in their high school.

Q. What are some subjects that you take in school?

Yemen: They have a behavior subject that is worth 10 per cent of their final grade. They also have Arabic, if you fail then you can't pass high school.

Thailand: Their high school consist of three subjects; 1. Physics-math-Science 2. Art 3. Languages-Religion.

Japan: They have a subject called brush writing which is a form of caligraphy.

Korea: They have nine subjects. English and learning a new language are required to graduate from high school.

Taiwan: You have a choice in subjects to take such as; art, painting, music and business.

Q. How many breaks and how long are the breaks?

Yemen: They have two breaks. Lunch hour is 45 minutes and the other is 25 minutes.

Thailand: They have three breaks. Lunch hour is one hour and breaks are 15 minutes.

Japan: They have three breaks. Lunch hour is 45 minutes and two 10-minute breaks.

Korea: They have two breaks, sometimes three. Lunch hour is 50 minutes and a 10-minute short break. Sometimes there is a supper break.

Taiwan: They have 1 1/2-hour lunch break.

Q. What are some social activities in school? (sports, plays etc.) Do you compete with other schools?

Yemen: They play soccer, volleyball and ping-pong. They travel to other schools and compete. They have a President's Cup given out to the best high school from every province.

Thailand: They play basketball, baseball, football, volleyball and table tennis. They travel to other schools and compete.

Japan: They play basketball, volleyball and go skiing. They don't compete with other schools in sports but travel to see musicals on school trips.

Korea: They play basketball, volleyball and soccer. They don't compete with other schools in sports but travel to see historical sites on school trips.

Taiwan: They play basketball, volleyball and table tennis. They don't travel to other schools to compete in sports.

Q. Is there a dress code required?

Yemen: In private schools there isn't a dress code but public schools have a dress code.

Thailand: International schools are the only schools that don't have a dress code.

Japan: Most public and private schools have a dress code.

Korea: The dress code depends on the principal of the school. Most of the schools have a dress code. The older men around 30 have to wear a suit

Taiwan: Every school has a dress code.

Q. What is the transportation like in the schools?

Yemen: In private schools, a bus picks up the students to and from their houses. Public schools have to use the government buses.

Thailand: In public and private schools the bus picks up the students to and from their houses.

Japan: Day-care centres are the only schools that have a bus. The students have to take a train to school.

Korea and **Taiwan**: Private schools have a bus and the others schools don't.

Q. What are the grade levels in school?

Yemen, Thailand, Japan, and **Korea**: High school levels are from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

Taiwan: High school levels for juniors are Grade 7 to Grade 10 and for seniors, Grade 11 to Grade 14.

Q. Are there exchange programs involved?

Yemen: There is no exchange program in the schools.

Thailand: There is an exchange program in the International school.

Japan: There is an exchange program in the private schools.

Korea: There is no exchange program in the schools.

Taiwan: There is an exchange program in the colleges.

Q. What are the rules and restrictions in the schools? (hair, make-up and smoking)

Yemen: The students must look decent. This means no makeup. There is also no smoking in or outside the building.

Thailand: The schools are very strict on the uniforms. There is no smoking and no makeup allowed.

Japan: There is no smoking and no earrings allowed. The teachers stand at the front of the school and check each student. If you don't look respectable, you aren't allowed in the school.

Korea: There is no smoking and no earrings allowed. The teachers stand at the front of the school and check each student. If you don't look respectable, you aren't allowed in the school.

Taiwan: The students must look respectable. There is no smoking and no makeup allowed.

Q. Is there an anthem in the beginning of class?

Yemen, Thailand, Japan, Korea and **Taiwan**: They all have an anthem in the beginning of the class.

Q. Is there a form of corporal punishment in the schools?

Yemen: There is a behavior subject in school. If you did something wrong, then you would lose marks in that subject.

Thailand: There is the strap. If you did something wrong, then you will get a slap on the hand or butt.

Japan: There is a lot of writing involved when you do something wrong. The students have to write a five-page essay.

Korea: If you are late or bad, you have to clean the whole school yourself.

Taiwan: If you did something wrong, then you have to clean the bathrooms in the school.

Q. Is there a summer break?

Yemen: There is a three-month summer break. There is no winter break.

Thailand: There is a one-month summer break for high schools. In university and college, there is a three-month break and a winter break.

Japan: There is a 1 1/2-month summer break for high schools. In university and college, there is a three-month break and a winter break.

Korea: There is a 1 1/2-month summer break for high schools. In university and college, there is a three-month break and a winter break.

Taiwan: There is a two-month summer break and a one-month winter break. In university and college, there is a three-month summer break.

Tracy Laprise

Senior hoping to get his work published

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

"In the dirty thirties jobs were hard to get."

Robert Patterson MacCurdy, 79, of St. Catharines, is a high school dropout who recently went back to school.

MacCurdy was born in Winnipeg, Man., on May 7, 1916. He attended St. John's Technical School there until 1932. He finished Grade 11 and travelled up north to Lake Winnipeg where he was an assistant to an "old cook."

"I joined the navy in 1942 just before I got married.

"I took courses in the Navy" and became a chief engine room artificer. During the Secord World War, he served in the North Atlantic and overseas as a senior engineer on a ship.

"We were very fortunate. We came through the war with no great problems, except I picked up some sort of lung condition.

"I was in the tuberculosis clinic in Winnipeg for about two years from 1949 to 1950, but I got over it and went back to work." He was employed at Air Canada for 30 years.

Because of a botched cataract operation, MacCurdy lost the vision in his right eye. He said he can't drive at night, so late academic courses "are rough" because his wife, Bunny, has to chauffer him.

Since he and his wife are retired, they spend their time "however the spirit moves" them.

"Our evenings consisted of a couple of drinks, supper and watching the tube, and then all of the sudden my cocktail hour was taken away," joked MacCurdy in reference to enrolling in a night class.

"It was hard to stay awake that late," was one of his few complaints about the night class he attended through Continuing Education at Niagara College.

"Three hours is a relatively long session, but I enjoyed the class immensely," said MacCurdy, who achieved a 97 per cent in the Writing for Publication 1 class.

He said he experienced difficulty taking notes.

"I also have a hearing problem. To listen and try and scribble I found difficult. With a hearing problem you miss a lot of what's being said. Trying to take notes and listen at the same time is a problem, so whatever notes I took during the course I scribbled and they're just a mess. When I got home I tried to interpret them and type them out to get them into my journal so that I would remember them."

Tom Torrance, of Thorold, is a part-time teacher at Niagara College.

Torrance has been teaching the evening English certificate classes for nearly five years.

"I find it much easier to sit and listen. I didn't have too many problems listening to Tom because I sat up front and he was speaking directly at me," said MacCurdy, adding it was the people sitting behind him he had difficulty hearing.

"I found Tom's comments on my writing quite encouraging," MacCurdy said.

"Having senior students is not unusual in my courses," although there are none enrolled this semester, said Torrance, adding he feels seniors "add a lot to the courses."

They have a "wealth of interest, history and experience" to share with the classes.

"Pat came into the course knowing he wanted to write, but he was a little unsure of himself," said Torrance.

"Taking the course gave him the confidence to realize his dream."

During the course, MacCurdy's story on his decision to return to school was accepted by The Seniors Review for February publication.

He said he is also planning to attempt getting some travel logs published.

"You're never too old for dreams," said Torrance. "Enrol in the courses you are interested in and fulfil your dreams."

Sitting at his dining room table, Pat MacCurdy rifles through a pile of his writing. His article *Drop out drops in* will appear in the February issue of The Seniors Review.
Photo by Stephanie Turton

No movement on council's behalf

By BEN FISHER
Staff Writer

Commitment is still a contentious factor between the four stakeholder groups involved in College Council.

Council is intended to be an advisory board to the president and ideally have full representation from faculty, support staff, students and administration.

Dan Patterson, Niagara College president, says he likes the idea of College Council and at the moment is meeting with the leaders of the four groups on an individual basis.

"I'm ready to structure into my calendar a meeting for lively discussions on the future of Niagara College. The totality of Niagara College is represented on the council," states Patterson.

Brenn Biggs, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, says SAC wants to recruit student members for the council. However, "to do so would put people on hold. It is too soon in advance," to appoint members.

Biggs says SAC's reluctance in recruiting directly results from an internal council problem. "It (council) is too large with too much obligation from its members . . . issues are not dealt with effectively.

"There must be fundamental changes. It is unfortunate College Council went down when it did. We could work through the difficulties. It is happening now."

Patterson says, "We should capitalize on an existing structure and revitalize the council. It can help the school by touching on the lives of all the college community."

Carol Boettcher, secretary to the council and administrative vice-president of student life and human resources, says council is experiencing a "chicken-and-egg" syndrome.

Boettcher says council isn't meeting because quorum hasn't been achieved in the past. Quorum is the minimum number of attending members needed to make proceedings valid. "There aren't enough members," attending says Boettcher.

College Council has not set a date for its first regular meeting of this academic year.

Florida to host Hydro Power Contest

By BOB GILES
Staff Writer

The 1996 Hydro Power Contest challenges students to demonstrate their ingenuity, mechanical, and engineering skills.

The contest allows students to compete for cash, prizes, and recognition during the HydroVision '96 conference in Orlando, Fla., Aug. 20 to 23.

Contestants must design and build a device that converts the gravity potential of water into mechanical power. The device can produce maximum power or maximum efficiency. The mechanical power used to lift a weight a fixed distance will be measured in seconds. The turbine design that lifts the weight the fastest wins. In the efficiency competition, the turbine that loses the least amount of water to move the weight wins. A panel of industry experts judge all entries.

Winners eligible for scholarships

The contest offers three divisions, including a Student Division (to qualify, you must be a student in the fall of 1996). Contestants may also compete in a Power Class and/or an Efficiency Class. Class winners will win cash plus a Hewlett-Packard scientific calculator and other prizes. Top winners in the Student Division are also eligible for scholarships.

Individual and team entries are welcome.

Last year more than $15,000 worth of cash and prizes was awarded.

Competitors must purchase a turbine kit for $15. For information to purchase a kit, contact Carl Vansant, Hydro Power Contest, 410 Archibald St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111; (816) 931-1311, ext. 115; Fax: (816) 931-2015.

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Full-Time Monitor

You will work 25 hours per week for nine months. You will earn $11,400 and receive a commuting allowance of up to $1,080. You may also receive a travel allowance for two return trips between your home and host province as well as a moving allowance of at least $300.

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Answers sought for depression

By NANCY KIMSEY
Staff Writer

Dick Cavett, Winston Churchill and Robin Williams are popular public figures.

Each has experienced bouts of serious depression throughout his life, says Dr. Lawrence Martin, a mood disorder specialist from McMaster Hospital in Hamilton.

A capacity crowd of about 200 people attended a symposium on Overcoming Depression in the 90s at the Ameri-cana Resort and Conference Centre in Niagara Falls Jan. 17.

Guest speaker Dr. Martin discussed the problems associated with the diagnosis and treatment of patients with unipolar depression.

Unipolar depression differs from bipolar disorders like manic-depression. With bipolar depression, a person's moods can be like a roller coaster, swinging from depressed lows to overly-active or manic highs. People who experience unipolar depression don't share the high points.

"Depression is not necessarily about feeling sad. It is about a loss of feeling," says Dr. Martin.

What causes depression?

"We have sliced, diced and julienned this question and still don't know the answer," says Dr. Martin.

Studies show 20 per cent of the world's population will experience depression in their lifetime. Women are about twice as likely to experience depression as men. Close relatives of a person who suffers from recurrent depression are three times more vulnerable than unrelated people.

Factors such as life events or stress may have some bearing on depression but only on the first bout, says Dr. Martin.

"There is no one particular personality type affected. The only thing we know is that we don't know what causes it," he says.

Clinical depression affects more people's ability to function socially and physically than diabetes or arthritis. Seventy-five per cent of depressed people think about suicide. Ten to 15 per cent carry the thought out, he says.

Medical professionals use the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Third Revised Edition* as a tool to diagnose depression and other mood disorders. It has a list of symptoms to look for when determining if depression is present. Professionals look for changes in our emotional, cognitive or thinking and physical selves.

The problems associated with the proper diagnosis of depression are many and varied. Many people have a collection of symptoms which overlap and disguise the depression. Up to 50 per cent of panic attacks are tied to depression, says Dr. Martin.

Other delays to treatment include denial, fear of being labelled and compassion on the part of family, friends or well-meaning family doctors.

Ninety-five per cent of depressed patients are treated by family doctors who often underdose because of compassion. The side effects of some older medications can be unpleasant, says Dr. Martin.

Untreated depression lasts an average of nine months. If treated with anti-depressants, the average duration is reduced to three months, he says.

Sixty to 70 per cent of patients respond to their first drug therapy. It can take three to four weeks before the anti-depressants start to work.

"You should get a full response by six weeks," says Dr. Martin.

"Depression isn't cured by anti-depressants. It helps get rid of the symptoms. Cognitive therapy may help prevent a relapse."

Most people prone to depression get better, says Dr. Martin. "More than 50 per cent of people with recurring depression lead productive lives," he says.

Being able to help has led him to a "satisfying career" says Dr. Martin.

College creates Saso fund

$1,200 donated so far

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

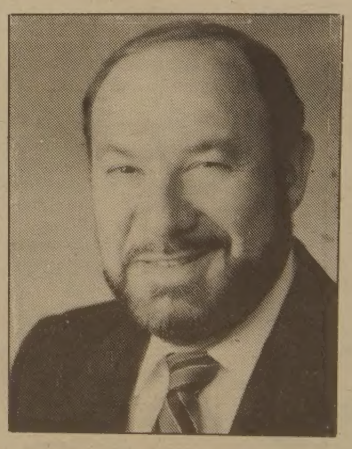
A scholarship fund is being developed at Niagara College to honor former president John Saso.

The John Saso Scholarship Fund was introduced to "celebrate and acknowledge the contribution John made to the college," said Carol Boettcher, the college's vice-president of student life and human resources.

'John was interested in benefiting a large number of students' -Boettcher

"John said he didn't want gifts. He wanted any money collected going to assist the students."

Lyn Russo, the college's director of marketing and communications, said "there is no criteria for giving the scholarship. We are just collecting money. There is approximately $1,200 now. We are going to keep it open for a few months."



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It hasn't been decided yet how to get the money to the students, said Boettcher. However, it will probably be done in one of two ways: "through the regular program of awards at the college or through the counselling department to help needy students, whichever way will benefit the greatest number of students," she said. "John was interested in benefiting a large number of students."

Boettcher said the vice-presidents of the college are involved in developing the fund and there has been a good response from the college. She said the criteria for awarding the scholarship fund should be in place by spring.

A sign of the future

Campus identifiers

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

A committee of Niagara College faculty is working to standardize all signs at the college.

The first stage of standardizing signs at the college was the addition of the new road and walkway signs.

The Signage Committee is chaired by Kerry Nichols, lead hand of building operations. The committee includes Mal Woodhouse, acting director of physical resource services, Lyn Russo, director of marketing and communications, Gary Guzda, physical resources technologist, and Michael Turner, a graphic designer in the marketing and communications department.

It is a "relatively new committee working towards a standard style and color for signs in the internal and external parts of the college," said Nichols, adding a similar attempt was made 10 years ago, but because of renovations and modifications to the college it was not possible.

Things are still in planning stages as the committee is addressing different options, said Nichols.

He said the committee is trying to identify each individual wing by using a one color user-friendly label, instead of creating a hogepoge.

Since the committee is new, no money has been set aside for the signs, said Nichols.

The committee is eventually going to include campuses in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, but plans must first be approved by the college's Board of Governors.

The new signs are expected to be installed by the summer.

"It's something that's needed," said Nichols.

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International students give global knowledge

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

Niagara College has a global pool of international knowledge at its fingertips.

There are currently 88 international students attending Niagara College in Welland and Niagara Falls. Jos Nolle, International Operations manager at Niagara College, said while international students are here we can "learn a lot from them." Their presence benefits Canadian students because they get "global lessons for free."

International students add value to the whole college, said Nolle, but up until now they have remained generally an isolated group. He said he often has students who have finished English as a Second Language (ESL) and are into their first term of regular studies coming to him upset and feeling "uprooted." They have until that point been learning English successfully, but are put into classrooms where instructors are lecturing without giving handouts, and other students are using typical Canadian slang.

The college needs to be aware that these students are at least as intelligent as the other students — some even have university educations — but English is their second language and it simply takes a little longer to adjust.

Nolle said most of these students stay quiet in class, which is too bad because classroom discussions could generate open opinions and comparisons with their countries. "The whole system of college must be more aware of what it means to have international students and international knowledge available to them."

"There are more ways of doing things than just Canadian," said Nolle, and with Canada becoming more of an international country, students have to prepare themselves academically.

He said it is important that students attend the upcoming international activities in order to gain global perspectives for future employment. These activities aren't organized just for international students, they are organized for all students.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the "talking drums" from Ghana will be at Brock Theater from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., playing music used in traditional African society to give communication. Also Feb. 8 there will be a presentation of an African movie, subtitles and all, in the Hamilton Room of Niagara College at 6 p.m.

Friday Feb. 9 there will be a concert of Black Umfolosi from Zimbabwe in the Brock Theater, but tickets for the event are already sold out.

A speaker's series on international subjects is being introduced to the region by Niagara College with a frequency of two speakers each term. The first of these will be on Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m., in the Hamilton Room, featuring Dr. James Orbinski, a graduate from McMaster University Medical School who worked in Afghanistan, Somalia and Rwanda during civil wars in those countries on the subject "Why is there still warfare in our world?"

The subject on April 11, 5:30 p.m. will be "Doing business in mainland China," with guest speaker Youija Wu, a former Niagara College graduate working for GM, as well as a panel of guests with experience in China.

The subject for September will be "Streetkids of our world," and for November will be "Doing business in Latin America."

Nolle said there have been a number of one-day sports events planned for the spring, early summer and fall for Canadian and international students. He said the International Education department and the General Education department are working on designing new daytime electives on international subjects which may be available as early as September 1996.

Nolle has also set up a volunteer group called Internationalizing Niagara College. The 11-member group of people with diverse backgrounds who live in the region meet once every six weeks in the International Education office to discuss ideas on globalizing Niagara College. Nolle said new members are welcome and should contact him at extension 7737 for more information.

There are other countries and other cultures in and outside of Niagara College. Both can learn a lot from each other.

Conversation Partner Information Session Monday, Jan. 29

Creating new friendships

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Here's your chance to meet some international students at Niagara College.

If you are interested in learning about other cultures, students are invited to attend a Conversation Partner Information Session on Monday, Jan. 29 at 3:30 p.m.

The information session involves meeting students of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program once a week over lunch or after school.

The sessions continue until mid-April.

It is an opportunity to meet students whose first language is not English. Students can also learn about how difficult it is for international students to live in a new country.

Most of the international students are from Japan, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and Mexico.

They are studying English at three different levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

The sessions will give international students a chance to learn English and make new Canadian friends.

Overseas opportunities available at Niagara

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

Imagine studying Business Administration in Mexico, Hotel and Restaurant Management in Brazil, or Hospitality and Tourism in Spain.

There are many exchange opportunities for Niagara College students of which they may not be aware.

Jos Nolle, international operations manager at Niagara College, said his objectives include bringing in international students and making the college aware they are here, stimulating Canadian students to do a term as exchange students and encouraging work placements in other countries.

Nolle said such programs take a lot of initiative on the students' part, but would increase their employability later, especially if they could show overseas experience. "If I have a sincere student that really wants to do something, I'll work with them," he said.

So far no students have gone on these programs, but Nolle said he thinks it is a result of the lack of awareness of the possibilities. For example, the International Operations department has a Hotel and Restaurant Management exchange agreement with a school in the United Kingdom, but Nolle said it would be better for students to engage in the challenge of studying in a non-English speaking country.

"It's not that people aren't interested in it (international schooling) but the exposure isn't there." He is aware of the many obligations Niagara College students have to shuffle, including work, families and academics. This may lessen the opportunities for them to get away on such programs.

Nolle said a new one-year post-diploma program in the Hospitality and Tourism program in the "very initial phase" is aimed at bringing students with international students in class. Students will come from the United States and Mexico, completing part of their studies at the Niagara Falls campus and part of their studies in Mexico. The students will spend eight months in classes and four months on job placement.

International students come to Niagara College to acquire skills making them more employable at home, such as English and hands-on training. Although English is the language of business, said Nolle, it would be beneficial in international relations for Canadian students to speak the language of the country of business.

"You need the regional education to get principles, but you need the international education for wider purposes."

Jos Nolle, international operations manager at the college, points the way towards exchange programs available to students.

Photo by Laury Reid

Premier awards investigative reporter

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Niagara College graduate Carol Alaimo has won the 1995 Premier's Award as the outstanding graduate at the community college level in Applied Arts.

Alaimo was awarded a $5,000 bursary, which she donated to Niagara College to assist single-parent students.

She will receive the award at the 1996 annual Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) Conference in Windsor on Feb. 8.

Alaimo, 40, graduated from the Journalism-Print program in 1984 and has been working at the St. Catharines Standard for the past 10 years, specializing in investigative journalism.

Awards are not new to Alaimo, who is the first-ever three-time winner of the Western Ontario Newspaper Association Journalist of the Year award.

According to her nomination, Alaimo has a career-long award-winning investigative interest in the Niagara Region. She is personable, and curious, she has maintained her ties to the community and exhibits a genuine concern for the "public good."

Her investigation of the St. Catharines Hydro Electric Commission in 1992 and 1993 revealed missing money, soaring administrative costs, staff and commissioners charging personal holiday expenses to the public, and the general manager's use of publicly-paid staff to help do his university homework.

The results of her investigation included the firing of the general manager, resignations of the treasurer and chief engineer, and a four per cent reduction of electricity rates in St. Catharines in 1994.

'This award is special because it will offer encouragement to other single parents who are trying their best to achieve their goals.'

-Alaimo

In 1989, Alaimo investigated the conditions at Cross Winds Lodge, an unregulated "rest home," in St. Catharines. She showed that the home's physically and psychiatrically-disabled residents were being underfed, inadequately supervised and improperly medicated by workers who posed as nurses but had no medical training. Because of her work, the home was closed and city council passed a bylaw regulating rest home care.

Another of Alaimo's investigations in 1987 revealed young offenders at Whitestone Place and St. David's Youth Home were being assaulted and mistreated by staff and owners. This resulted in criminal charges against the owners (assault and fraud) and several staff members (assault). The homes were shut down and their operating funds were pulled by the province.

Alaimo credits The Standard for letting her handle investigative reports which she knows to be "labor-intensive and time consuming."

Alaimo came to Niagara College when she was 27, as a mature student. She was a "struggling" single mother of a five and a six-year-old.

Alaimo says there were many nights during college she would stay up all night and type, after putting her children to bed. She says she worked "very hard" and credits former Journalism-Print program teacher Barbara Blue for being bright, loving and supportive.

She has received many awards, but this award is "special because it will offer encouragement to other single parents who are trying their best to achieve their goals," she says.

First-year students of the Health and Safety Co-ordinator program are top left: Dawn Larkin, Rick Unyi, Melissa Hills, Heather Patterson, Colin Wright. Bottom left: Adrienne Frankowski, Colin Graham, Kevin Macklem, Mike Vince, Shane Sewell.

Photo by Dean Michel

Bowling for millions

Big Brothers is holding its annual fund rasier

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Big Brother is watching you bowl.

Big Brothers of Welland is holding its annual Bowl for Millions at the Bowl-o-Rama on Niagara Street on Satuday, Feb. 4 and Sunday, Feb. 5.

"It's a worthy cause," said Greg Whelan, executive director for Big Brothers.

Players can register until just before the event begins. Each team features five players. Bowling will be played on Saturday from 2 p.m. 4 p.m., while Sunday features a dress-up theme event.

Niagara College's Educational Resources and Special Needs program (ERSN) students will bowl from 9 a.m. until everyone is finished.

"It is excellent fun for all Niagara College students," said Amy Walton, 21, a first-year ERSN program student and event organizer.

"We have been doing it for several years and we appreciate ERSN as our largest supporter. Without them the event wouldn't be nearly as successful as it is," said Whelan.

He said the money raised will go towards the $50,000 needed this year for the operating budget of Big Brothers.

Whelan said there are 34 boys on a waiting list for their Big Brother-Little Brother program.

"It's a great fundraiser for a great cause," said Walton.

There will be trophies and surprises awarded for college students. Prizes will be awarded for best and worst bowler, best and worst dressed and for the person with the highest pledge total.

To register, pick up pledge sheets at the ERSN office in the Mackenzie building or call Big Brother for more information at (905) 735-0570.

Green is where the bucks are

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

Their backgrounds may be diverse, but they expect to share a rewarding future.

Several first-year students in the Environmental Health and Safety Co-ordinator program agree job prospects in their chosen field of study "look good."

Shane Sewell, 19, of St. Catharines, says he always wanted to be a police officer but his chances of being accepted onto a police force are slim. Instead, he says he hopes to translate his interest in environmental issues into a career.

"I think it's a leading field for jobs," he says. "I've always been interested in the environment and I figured it would be the way to go."

The Environmental Health and Safety Co-ordinator program is a two-year program with an option for co-op offered at Niagara College's School of Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness.

Sewell says he has no interest in environmental law but prefers a hands-on approach, such as waste management and air pollution, to environmental studies.

Melissa Hills, 22, of St. Catharines, worked at an animal hospital in Niagara Falls before entering the program. She says she applied because she likes the "broader job prospects" the program offers.

Hills says when she graduates she expects to find a job with an environmental consulting firm.

She doesn't think she will opt for the co-op "because the student has to find a paid job. It's hard to do and you have to do it in the summer, not during a regular semester like other co-op programs."

Hills says she has been enrolled in other college co-op programs, but in those programs the college found the student's placement.

Adrienne Frankowski, 19, of Niagara Falls, says she entered the program because "I took an environmental course in high school and thought it would be a good job prospect for the future."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Danzig hiding in new shadows

By MARK FERENCE
Staff Writer

Glenn Danzig has always been the dark star of the underground alternative universe.

Maybe never burning as brightly as Henry Rollins or his contemporaries, but nonetheless a guiding light.

Glenn's music and influence has spanned about 15 years, spread over three bands following nothing but his own will.

Oddly enough after the release of Glenn's fourth album, **Danzig 4P**, with the group Danzig and some success over a re-mixed version of *Mother*, originally from Danzig's debut album in 1988, the band split up.

but the demon will not die.

After many years spent walking down the left-hand path of rock 'n' roll, exploring a lyrical hellscape of hellhounds and astro-zombies, of fallen angels and brand new gods, of creating albums titled **Legacy of Brutality** and **How the Gods Kill**, Glenn is still challenging the heavens.

In early 1996, Glenn will be seducing us with his dark, arcane sweetness once again with a new band and a new direction.

The band's name remains a mystery. Jerry Cantrell, lead guitarist of Alice In Chains, will be playing on the album rumored to have 15-tracks. The album is completed and awaiting its release.

Everything Glenn does has a distinct atmosphere, imagery and identity about it. With his history, it is safe to say this new project will not disappoint.

Herewith follows a brief guide to the beast.

The Misfits: Formed in the late 1970s in Lodi, N.J., The Misfits were the band with the most promise but with the least stick.

Other than Glenn and guitarist Jerry Only, the band saw some 15 members. They never really had a strong bond. Nurtured on mid-century horror, sci-fi flicks and John F. Kennedy conspiracy, The Misfits blasted on to the punk scene with songs like *Hatebreeders* and *Skulls*. Their songs had melodies that just lured you and before you knew it you were singing songs about dismemberment and brain eating. After a few years, they would mutate into a hardcore outfit and trade in the horror and fake blood for some serious devilry with songs like *Death Comes Ripping* and *Devilock*.

Samhain: Something seriously strange happened to Glenn in the mid-1980s. He named his new band after a druid festival and the music just got morbidly dark and hypnotic.

Even the goofy Misfit skull was replaced with the skull of a demon. Songs about November's fire and a Latin version of *Halloween* appeared in the work. Glenn was definitely taking his music in a new direction.

Danzig: Everything gets really crazy now. Glenn forms a new band in 1987 giving it his surname. Eerie Von, bassist of Samhain, joins him.

After a debut album that proved to be the crossover from Glenn's punk roots to a genre basked in shadows and shape shifting, Danzig grew into a fortified dungeon of honesty, power and mystery. The band played together until the fall of 1995 creating a cult following unmatched.

As Eerie Von has been quoted saying: "He's a crazy person, really. A very gifted, moody, singer/songwriter who likes to be left alone a lot....He's nuts."

So once again, Glenn is changing direction.

It's almost like he knew we were beginning to understand his mystery and secrets, and knew it was time. Time to hide in new shadows.

Surreal CD interpretable

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

With 20 years in the music business, Britain's David Bowie shows no signs of slowing down.

In his new album **OUTSIDE** (Virgin Music Canada), Bowie makes use of an alternative-like sound which shows why he has been around for so long.

OUTSIDE reunites Bowie with Brian Eno, the sonic theorist who produced the late-'70s **Low, Heroes and Lodge**.

It begins with *Leon Takes Us Outside*, a recitation of different calendar dates accompanied by an organ and guitar leading into *Outside*, beginning a journey of 19 tracks with surreal lyrics and dazzling sounds. Songs range from the mellow *No Control* and *The Motel*, to the more vibrant *The Hearts Filthy Lessons*, moving on to the jazzy *A Small Plot of Land*, and the five different-narrative *Segue*.

The rock sound comes in with *Hell Space Boy*, *Through These Architec Eyes* and *Strangers When We Meet*. Elements of funk are found in *I Have Not Been to Oxford Town*, leading to the psychedelic sound of *Wishful Beginnings*.

Bowie portrays seven characters, from 14-year-old murder victim Baby Grace Blue to 78-year-old sleazy shopkeeper Algeria Touchshriek to art detective Nathan Adler, who's investigating a series of murders conducted in grisly but refined fashion.

Heat: powerhouse performances

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

I thought I had seen it all after Al Pacino's **Carlito's Way** and Robert DeNiro's **Casino**, but then along came a movie which tops them both.

Michael Mann, director of The Last of the Mohicans, has brought together Pacino and DeNiro creating one of this year's first masterpieces.

Heat contains everything which makes films great: great actors, an equally competent director, a wonderful, well-written story and a soundtrack which puts you in the appropriate mood.

Pacino, a classy, calculating and obsessed cop, chases after DeNiro, a cool, detached leader of some professional thieves.

One can see why these two actors are considered powerhouses in the film industry - because they give an all out performance.

Although the movie is almost three hours long, nothing is a waste of time. The best scene is when the two actors sit down and have a cup of coffee, turning a simple chat into a compelling game of mental chess.

Another glorious scene, not that I glorify violence, was a shoot-out between De Niro's crew and Pacino's which lasted 15 minutes. The way Mann shot this scene was very effective.

Disco is stayin' alive

Members of the American band Nick Fever performed for a large crowd of disco fanatics at After Hours on Thursday, Jan. 18. A few enthusiastic fans at After Hours' Disco Night dressed in 70s attire and grooved to the tunes.

Photo by Jeff MacKay

ENTERTAINMENT

The Killjoys are back with new CD

By JEFF MACKAY
Staff Writer

Hamilton's Killjoys are back with a new album after the success of its first album **Starry**, released on the Warner Music Canada label.

The new album, titled **Gimme Five**, will be released on April 2, 1996.

"We've been writing for this new album ever since we released **Starry**," said Mike Trebilcock, vocalist and guitarist for the band.

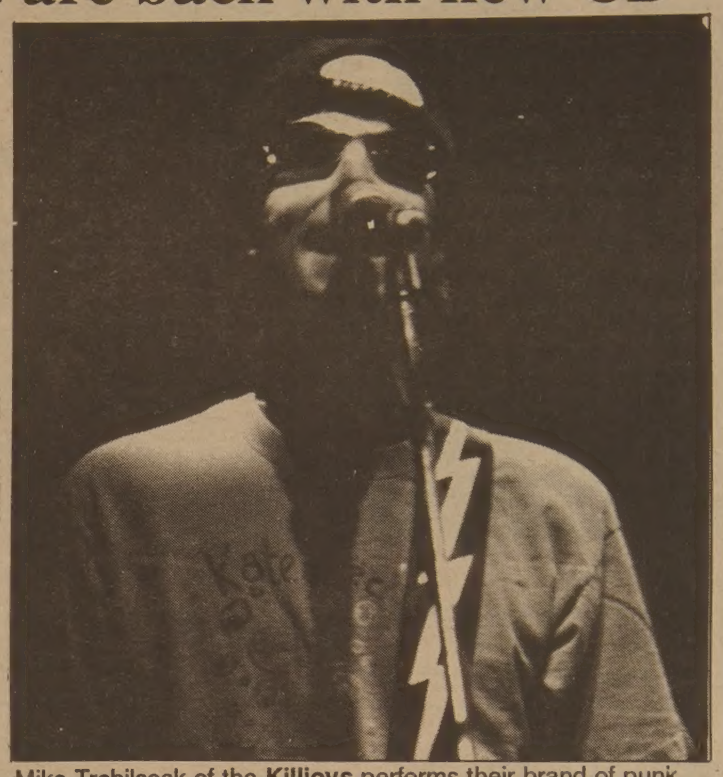
"Success hasn't changed us," said Trebilcock when asked how the band's writing has been affected since the band was signed by a major label.

Gimme Five was recorded in two weeks and they have "been mixing the album ever since it was finished in October of 1995," said Trebilcock.

"We're not really the kind of band to jam during soundcheck or on the road," said Gene Champagne, drummer.

The album was recorded in Memphis, Tenn., at Ardent Studios, and is being mixed in Hamilton right now.

The band achieved its success through being included in radio contests such as CFNY's "New Music Search" and also appearing as headliners of the side stage at shows like the Soundgarden/Nine Inch Nails show at Molson Park in Barrie in August 1994.



Mike Trebilcock of the **Killjoys** performs their brand of punk music at After Hours.

Photo by Jeff MacKay

Dunston's delightful

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

The movie **Dunston Checks In** is a cute and yet comical and entertaining movie.

The Twentieth Century Fox movie stars Jason Alexander, best known for his character George on television's Seinfeld, as Robert Grant, the manager of the fictional Majestic Hotel in New York City.

Alexander is forced to handle chaotic situations created by Dunston, known off the movie set as Sam. Dunston has led a crime-filled life, including being the orangutan partner to a low-life jewel thief, Lord Rutledge played by Rupert Evertt.

Once Dunston flees the capture of his master, a wild chase ensues throughout the hotel.

This movie also stars Faye Dunaway as Mrs. Dubrow, the money-seeking boss of Alexander.

Ken Kwapis, co-director of the movie *He Said, She Said*, directed this movie.

The creative, yet havoc wreaking idea of making a movie with an organutan was filmed entirely in the former Bullock's Wilshire building in Los Angeles.

The portrayal of the grand Majestic Hotel turns into a playground once the unexpected guest checks in for Kyle, one of two sons of hotel manager Grant. Kyle is played by Eric Lloyd.

For an entertaining and comedic look at a hide-and-seek game in a grand hotel, this movie is highly recommended.

Heavenly inspiration for R. Kelly

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

A mixture of rap, soul and dance music come together to give you R. Kelly.

R. Kelly's latest self-titled CD is a refreshing new sound to a music world full of noise.

The album, produced by R. Kelly and Barry Hankerson of Jive Records, is a flowing piece of magic. Kelly seems to be in control of his musical talents and at peace with his relationship with God. A dedication in the CD jacket honors God and the role he or she has played in his life.

Part of the dedication reads, "you have truly made a way out of no way."

Kelly has made his way out into something for others to experience and feel through his musical talents.

Tracks such as (*You to Be*) *Be Happy, Heaven if You Hear Me* and *Not Gonna Hold on* are ones to set your repeat button on. Each time you listen to these tracks, you'll find something new to like.

The album is wonderful and the one thing that stands out the most is the lack of any explicit lyrics.

R. Kelly's latest CD is a must-have to improve the musical quality of your life and CD collection.

Sex gets laughs at After Hours

By JEFF MACKAY
Staff Writer

They came, they saw, and then they came.

After Hours hosted its first, and probably last, x-rated comedy night on Wednesday, Jan.17.

Comedian Rob Evans, opened the show with his unique vulgarity. His material included topics that covered everything under the sexual sun such as intercourse, masturbation, fellatio and cunnilingus.

The main performance came from Tony Lee, x-rated hypnotist. Members of the audience voluntarily joined Lee on stage for two hours of sexually-focused entertainment.

Audience members performed acts they might normally find repulsive. Male hypnotic subjects were performing simulated fellatio on each other, and a male subject was masturbating as if he was a female.

Subjects also mooned the crowd, argued in different languages, performed same-sex marriages, and simulated sex with their chairs.

"It was highly entertaining and I don't think I ever stopped laughing," said an audience member.

"I want to go on stage next time," said another audience member.

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38.	SCARED	THE TRAGICALLY HIP
39.	IF I WERE YOU	k.d. lang
40.	RUN AROUND	BLUES TRAVELLER

WINTERCOURSE

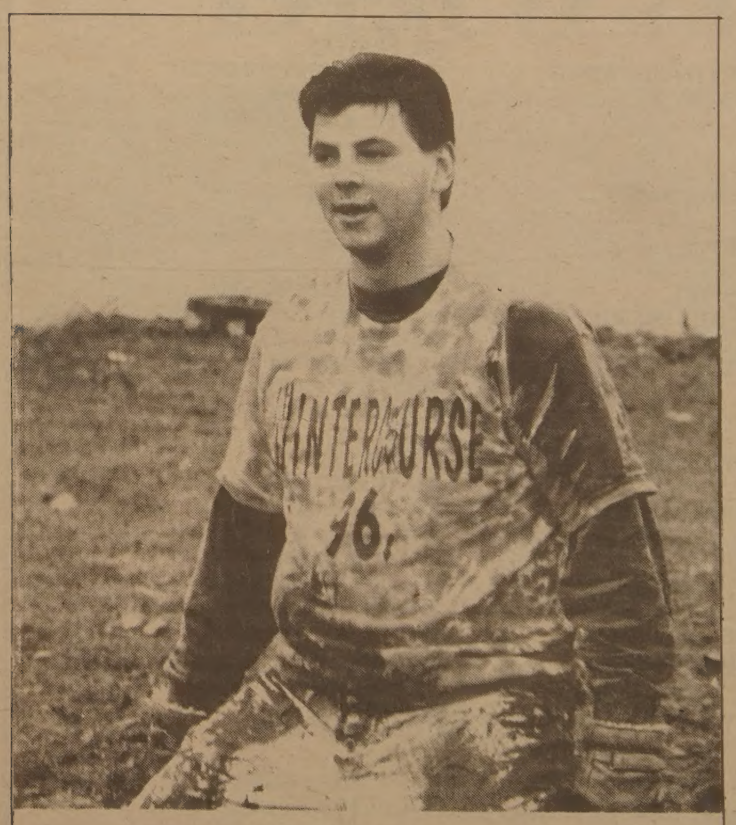
Salvador Ramos Jr. of the Drunken Lazy Bastards pulls teammate Dean Michel in the Wintercourse toboggan race on Jan. 23.

Photo by Jeff MacKay

Returning champions the Drunken Lazy Bastards make the tug of war look easy in Tuesday's Wintercourse festivities.

Photo by Teresa Armstrong

WINTER



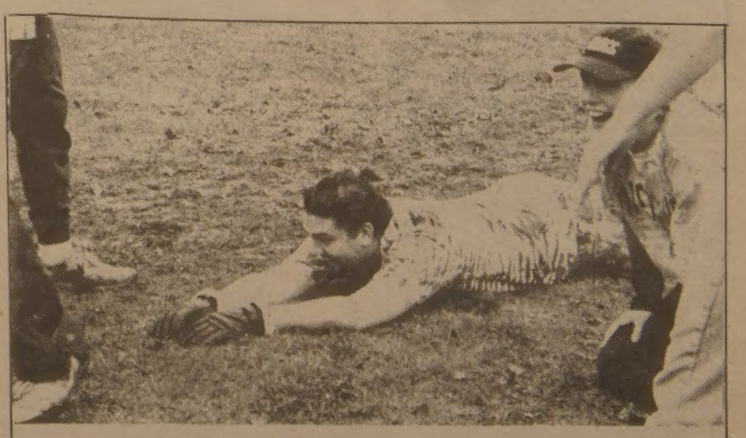
A member of the Mouseketeers rises from the mud after his team lost a tug of war match at Wintercourse on Jan. 23.

Photo by Jeff MacKay

The Sesame Street Leftovers try to pull their team to victory in the tug of war contest on Jan. 23.

Photo by Jeff MacKay

COURSE



Mud and mayhem abound as this Wintercourse participant wallows in the mud after losing at the tug of war competition.

Photo by Teresa Armstrong

Media Human Rights Awards around the corner

By NETHA NEVERSON
Staff Writer

The 21st annual Media Human Rights Awards will be held in Winnipeg, Man., at the Winnipeg Convention Centre again this year.

The awards are presented by The League for Human Rights B'nai Birth Canada. The purpose of the awards is to give encouragement to, and positive recognition for, the responsible and effective work of the Canadian media.

The league will present the awards to anyone for "altering, informing and sensitizing the public with regard to the nature and value of human rights. And for bringing forth issues where human rights of individuals or groups are being denied or are in jeopardy," said a pamphlet prepared by the league.

The awards are made to any organization for the quality and content of its articles, advertisements, editorials, programs, broadcasts and news coverage.

The stories must be related to the Canadian scene and affect the lives of people living in Canada. Stories should cover such topics as cultural, racial or economic groups whose human rights may be threatened or denied.

Stories should expose the public to the problems faced by people due to their age, sex, race, color, religion, nationality, physical disability, economic status and regional differences.

These articles and programs should, on a regular basis, educate the public about their rights and responsibilities and/or sensitize the public regarding these matters.

Major awards are presented in five media categories such as print-dailies, print weeklies, radio, television and advertising. Honorable mention awards are also presented in each of the categories at the award ceremony. There will be a video presentation of the nominees on awards night.

The Selection Committee draws its membership from The League for Human Rights and selected individuals involved in the media and/or human rights in Canada.

There are no costs to submit material except for shipping the submission.

Materials must have already been published or broadcast. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996. In order to qualify, items submitted must have been produced between Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 31, 1995.

For people entering the television category program notes in full for a series or a single program should be provided. Programs should be submitted on half-inch width VHS cassettes with the date(s) and time(s) on which the shows were aired.

Those entering the radio category should follow the criteria for television submissions as outlined. Program selections should be submitted on cassette. Radio submissions should also include some supporting visuals that can be used with 40-second narrative script.

For print dailies and weeklies, original, dated tearsheets should be submitted as well as four additional copies of the material. Tearsheets of all articles covering the subject should be provided so that, where possible, the complete story will be submitted from beginning to end.

Those entering the advertising categories should submit VHS cassette or print copies of the advertisement including all relevent material. In the event that advertising is of a printed nature, four copies must be submitted.

Submissions should be sent to: Media Human Rights Awards, The League for Human Rights, 370 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Man., R3B 2K1

All entries must also include a 30 to 40 second scripted narrative which will be used for promotional video, photos of editorial/production and reporting staff in the event that they are finalists. Accompanying explanatory letters which set forth why the submission is made and deserves the award are requested.

Native meeting set for end of month

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Aboriginal Student Council (ASC) will meet at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, the general elective is cancelled, while cultural workshops will continue.

New to Niagara College this school year, the ASC will hold its first scheduled meeting of the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 31. It will be held in the Aboriginal Lounge, S102A at 12:30 p.m.

The course, Spirit of the Two Row Wampum, which was set to start this semester, was cancelled because of low enrolment. The course was to be an evening class and offered as a general elective.

The cultural workshops that began last semester will continue this term. The first workshop of the year made moccasins and began on Jan. 14 in the Aboriginal Lounge, S102A from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wendy Johnson-Martin, manager of the Aboriginal Education Access Office, is asking those interested to register ahead of the scheduled session so that the materials needed can be purchased. The classes are held every Thursday.

Program hosting lecturers

By PATTY MALLAIS
Staff Writer

The Law and Security Administration program is hosting a number of guest lecturers.

Dr. T. James Cairns, deputy chief coroner of Ontario, will be speaking on Monday, Jan. 29.

Other topics include an OPP Recruiting seminar, Canada Customs on Feb. 5, Niagara Regional Police on Feb. 12, and an international student panel/discussion on Feb. 19.

Lectures are scheduled for Mondays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. in the Hamilton Room.

On Monday, Jan. 22, the Law and Security Administration program began its series of lectures with a speaker from Canada Immigration and the Law Enforcement Officers Torch Run/Special Olympics.

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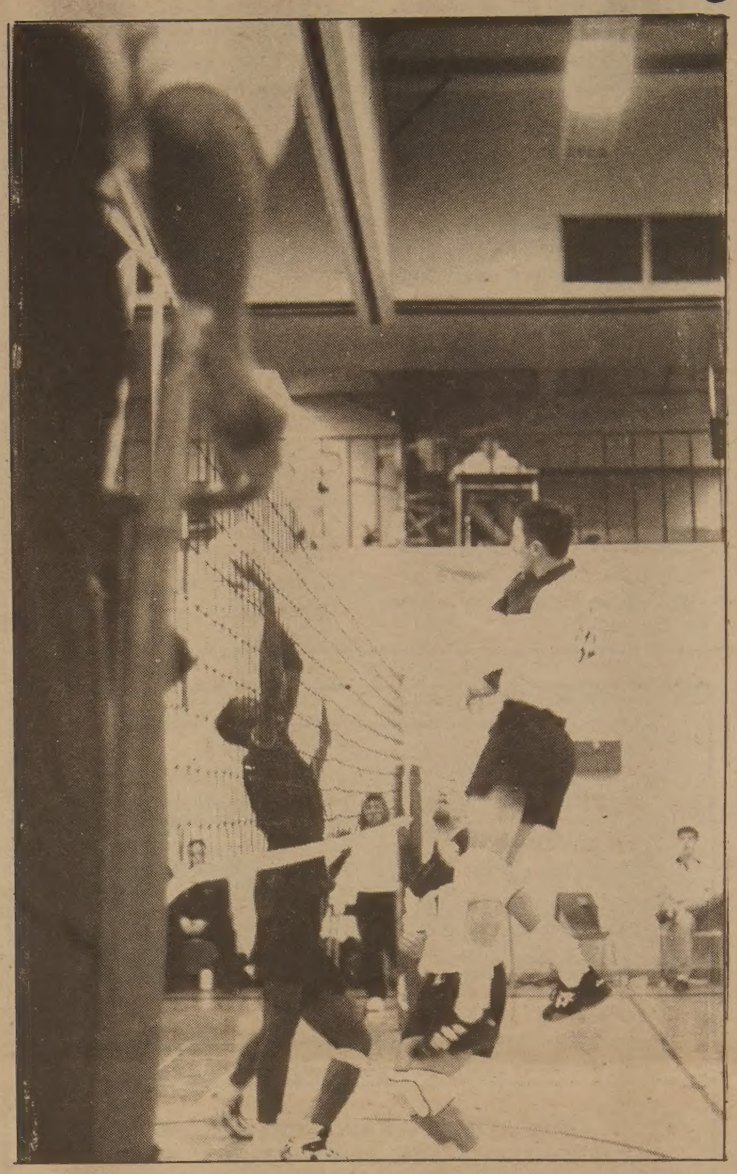
SPORTS

Men's volleyball stepping it up



Niagara College's Paul Clark (13) spikes the ball for one of his kills in the win against the Humber College Hawks.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

The Niagara men's volleyball team took another step to the playoffs and respectability by defeating the nationally-ranked Humber College Hawks from Etobicoke at home on Jan. 19.

It looked as though the Knights weren't ready for the Hawks as the Knights blew an early lead and lost the set 15-11. The Hawks seemed more powerful, and determined to take the victory.

For the second set, the Knights fell behind 3-0 early, then rallied to win 15-7. They also took the third set 15-12, showing the same aggressiveness and determination the Hawks had shown earlier.

Humber mounted a comeback by taking an 8-4 lead in the fourth set, forcing the Knights to lose their composure and the set 15-6.

The Hawks began the fifth set by taking an early lead of 4-1, but couldn't withstand the pressure from Niagara's attack, losing the set 15-11.

The win gives the Knights their third win of the season and a perfect record for the new year.

It was a great effort from both the defence and offence. Paul Clark finished with 14 kills for 16 points, and Alex Saddler had 11 kills for 14 points. Pat Deschambeault had seven kills for 10 points.

Coach Blair Cudmore said "all the hard work paid off. It felt good to beat a nationally-ranked team."

The Hawks were ranked ninth in the nation, but "not anymore," said Cudmore.

With the win, Niagara begins a road trip that takes them as close as Hamilton and as far as Sudbury, North Bay, and Barrie.

There is only one more game at home against Canadore College from North Bay next month. Niagara's next game will be in Sudbury on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.

Big loss for Knights

By BRIAN BOWMAN
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights' stretch run just got tougher.

Dropping below the majestic .500 meridian once again, the men's basketball team is beginning to see its playoff chances riding further into the distance.

Another loss, 96-85 to George Brown College of Toronto, has severely hampered Niagara's chance of participating in post-season action for the first time under Head Coach Randy Conlon.

Conlon, the forever optimist, says his team's chance of earning a playoff spot was grossly diminished with the loss to George Brown.

"We're going to need some outside help to make the playoffs," said the disappointed second-year coach. "This was a big loss for us, in that we're now in the dubious position of having to receive help from other teams, in order to make the playoffs."

Down 52-36 at the half, the Knights were victims of the Huskies' hot first-half shooting, and were unable to close the deficit to under 10 points throughout the game.

"Obviously, if we give up 96 points then we could have played better D(efence)," said Conlon. "But I was fairly pleased with the way we played. This is a good league this year with a lot of good teams. Only four out of nine teams make the playoffs, so we knew (making the playoffs) wasn't going to be easy.

"We need a good showing in Humber (ranked ninth nationally) on Wednesday. An upset in their barn would improve our record to 5-5, leading up to our four-game homestand. With a win, after that, anything can happen. All we can do is go up there and play hard."

The Knights were led offensively by Fonthill native Mike Hurley's 22 points and rookie forward Keith Tenney, who added 16 in a losing cause.

Congratulations go out to 6'4" second-year forward Derek Flindall, who was selected to represent Niagara at last Saturday's league all-star game in Toronto.

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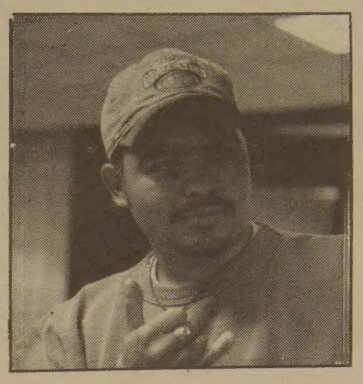
It's been one of those years on road to Super Bowl



Salvador Ramos Jr.

The National Football League (NFL) had one of its most unpredictable (and predictable at the same time) playoffs on the road to Super Bowl XXX.

In wild card action the Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills, Green Bay Packers and the Philadelphia Eagles set up an average winning score of 42-25 to take the next step towards the "big show."

Left behind were: the "hottest team going into the playoffs" the Detroit Lions, the lonely Atlanta Falcons, the San Diego Chargers, and the team who has looked bad towards the end of the season for the past five years — the Miami Dolphins.

The stage was set for American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC) semifinals.

The surprising Colts would show the back door to the unconvincing Kansas City Chiefs (who managed to finish 13-3, the best record in the NFL) with an ugly, but stunning 10-7 victory. Meanwhile the Pittsburgh Steelers routed the Bills 40-21.

Shock waves hit the San Francisco Bay area as the Packers defeated the 49ers by the deceiving score of 27-17. The Dallas Cowboys simply used the Eagles as a practice for the Conference Championship by whipping them 30-11.

Many expected the 49ers and Cowboys to meet in the NFC final for the fourth year in a row (perhaps it should've been that way). The Packers posed no threat to the two-time champs as they were handed a 38-27 defeat.

The best game of the playoffs was between the Colts and the Steelers. "Captain Comeback" Jim Harbaugh and his "Cinderella" Colts would not be denied. The Steelers took a 13-3 lead in a game which would be played to the last second. The Colts' Hail Mary prayer was not answered and the Steelers scaped with a 20-16 victory, and their first trip to the Super Bowl in 16 years.

In the regular season, this two teams were going in the same direction — but in different manners.

On Oct. 19, 1995, the Steelers were looking down the barrel of a 3-4 record, while the Cowboys sat comfortably on a 6-1 record. After that date, the Steelers went 8-1 and the Cowboys ended 6-3.

The Cowboys have more than eight weapons in an offence which scored 437 points (second highest in the league) and a defence which allowed a low 291 points.

The three juggernauts of the team ended up with great years. Running back Emmitt Smith finished the year with a league high 1,773 yards and a league record 25 touchdowns. Wide receiver Michael Irvin ended the season with 1,603 yards and 10 touchdowns, and quarterback Troy Aikman did not disappoint as he gathered 3,304 yards with 16 touchdowns, and only seven interceptions (the Colts' Harbaugh had the fewest in the league with five).

Those are all impressive numbers, but there is more from the playoffs: Smith rushed for 249 yards, Irvin earned 109 (allowing receiver Kevin Williams to rack up 156 yards). Aikman hasn't missed a beat either as he completed 38 of 57 passes (67 per cent) for 508 yards and only one interception.

The Steelers don't fare as well on paper. Their offence scored a total of 407 points and the defence allowed 327. Quarterback Chris O'Donnell had the best numbers for the team as he finished with 2,970 yards, with 17 touchdowns and seven interceptions. Wide receiver Yancey Thigpen piled up 1,307 yards and five touchdowns. Running Back Erric Pegram rushed for a respectable 813 yards, but only five touchdowns.

Playoffs numbers were not impressive either. Pegram and running back Bam Morris combined for 194 yards (55 less than Smith), Thigpen caught 142 yards, but the next best receiver was "the slash kid" (Quaterback/Running Back/Wide Receiver/Punter) Kordell Stewart with 45 yards. O'Donnell completed 44 of 76 passes (59 per cent) for 467 yards and three interceptions.

This will be a battle between the Steelers' defence led by linebackers Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd against the Cowboys' top guns (including tight end Jay Novacek, fullback Daryl Johnston, and receiver/corner Back Deion Sanders).

The Pittsburgh offence will have more than it can handle when it faces the combinations of defensive tackles Russell Maryland and Leon Lett, line backer Darrin Smith and safety Darren Woodson (to mention a few).

It should all come down to whether Pittsburgh's defence can stop the Cowboys and the Steelers' offence can score enough points consistently. Stewart is going to have to work some of that magic everyone talks about.

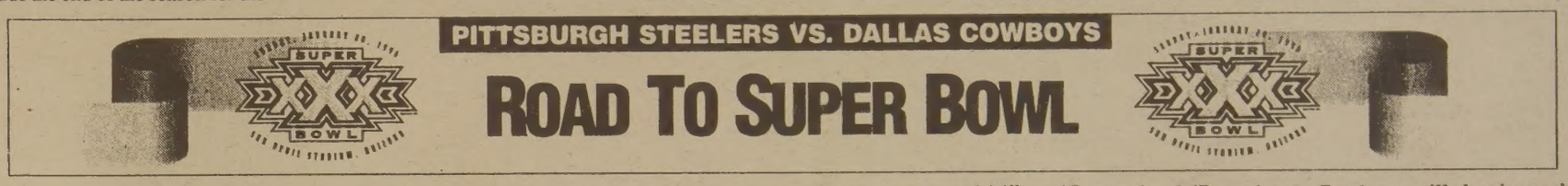
Many say the numbers during the regular season don't matter in the playoffs; not true in the case of the Cowboys. The Cowboys are favorites to win this game by as much as 14 points. Should the Steelers be able to arise victorious, it would be the first win for the AFC in 12 years.

As far as talent and excellence of execution is concerned, the Cowboys will dominate the contest and make it lucky numer13 in a row. As far as heart is concerned, the Steelers have what it takes and they might just be able to do it.

Being realistic, the Cowboys should have no problem disposing of the Steelers, but any team can win on a given day in the NFL.

Pittsburgh is a big underdog (not as big as the Chargers last year), they stand at minus 14 and they face big odds to come up on top. Coach Bill Cowher will pull atrick out of a hat and the game.

The raw power of the Steelers against the finesse of the Cowboys will be showcased on Sunday, Jan. 28, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., at Super Bowl XXX.



A gentlemen's game

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

It's a new year and a new team for those curling at Niagara College.

"I think they're a good team. We've got a good skip and a pretty good chance of getting through to the provincials," said coach Bryan Nagy.

Niagara College will be sending one mixed team to the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) regional curling championship qualifications that being held today and tomorrow at Durham College in Oshawa.

"We haven't had much enrolment this year," said Nagy, referring to the fact Niagara only has one curling team this year.

"We have taken a mixed team to the provincials the past two years and have walked away with silver medals," said Nagy.

This year all four players are new to the team. Team members are Scott Banner (skip), Katherine Peter (vice), Terry Fleury (second vice) and Jen Cadman (lead).

Nagy said one of the things curling has to offer is "it's a gentlemen's game.

"You don't watch curling to see a fight. Curling is different from hockey. There's no violence," said Nagy.

The provincial OCAA championships will be held Feb. 23 to 25 at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Tough loss, but not out yet

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Niagara women's basketball Knights ran into a tough Humber College team in losing for the first time this new year.

Humber stands undefeated in the league at 8-0, and they proved why by beating the Knights 96-26. This is the worst defeat for the Knights in the new year.

The Hawks had a tough defense that couldn't be penetrated. The Knights defence started equally good, but could not keep the Hawks from scoring — allowing a 31-8 Hawk lead going into the half.

Coach Brian Bleich said this game does not affect the Knights chances for the playoffs, since the Hawks are in first place and will probably get a bye into the playoffs. "We have to concentrate on the teams below them (the Hawks)," he said.

The Knights begin a home stretch in which they will see action against five teams from Jan. 27 until Feb. 10. They play the Redeemer Royals at the college tomorrow at 2 p.m.

First win yet to come

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

The regular schedule resumed for the Niagara College women's volleyball team on Jan. 19.

Sarnia's Lambton College Lions paid a visit to the Welland campus gym.

Niagara once again turned in a strong team effort, but Lambton won the match three games to none.

Even though they lost the match, the Knights displayed their usual, hard-working style. However, they just couldn't get the edge they needed to come up victorious, in part because the team is trying a new rotation.

In the first game, Niagara took an impressive 7-1 lead, only to have Lambton regain their composure and come from behind to win 15-11.

The second game saw both teams struggle for control and Niagara was ahead at one point 12-7, but Lambton battled back to win 15-12 to take a 2-0 lead in the match.

In the third game, Niagara played a little catch up themselves. The Lions opened match taking a 4-1 lead. Niagara then tied 4-4.

Lambton then took an 8-5 lead, but midway through the match, strong serving by Carrie Breddy made it 8-7.

Laura Chatterton tried to make a comeback with strong serving of her own, but was only able to pull the Knights to within four at 14-10. Lambton completed the match winning 15-10.

"I think we played really strong defense," said Niagara's head coach Carolyn Schatz.

"We were optimistic that we would have a better result then this. One thing we do have to work on is strengthening morale so that they can complete this (season)," said Schatz.

Niagara plays at Lambton College in Sarnia on Jan. 26.

College reorganizes, 59 jobs get cut

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

Niagara College has responded to provincial government cutbacks by announcing a new organizational structure for the college.

The new structure, which aligns the college into three areas, becomes effective Feb. 1.

"There is some phasing in required, some areas will need time," said Niagara President Dan Patterson.

The college will be divided into community and learner services led by Carol Boettcher, an expanded academic unit led by David Schleich, and administrative services led by Hans van der Slagt.

"The purpose is to prepare us for the future in light of budget cuts we were faced with. I would say the main purpose is to position us for the future and make us more responsive to client and student needs," said Patterson.

The new structure is "much leaner. We have consolidated and clustered areas in a more comprehensive manner and introduced three new exciting areas which speak well for the future."

The reorganization will cut 59 jobs from the college, including one vice-president position.

"The 59 fewer positions are part of a budget reduction strategy.

"The suspension of five programs; Nursing, Interior Design, Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist, and Manufacturing Engineering, together with eliminating 59 positions will help us reach our budget reduction targets of $3.3 million," said Patterson.

The provincial government announced in November it will cut $3.3 million in funding for the college.

The college also expects cuts in the $13 million in funding it gets from the Ontario Training Adjustment Board.

"When we made the cuts we had a bunch of budget principles to minimize budget cuts to students.

"We didn't cut programs completely. The students can complete their course of study, they are not left high and dry. Some colleges have had to cut programs completely, I'm pleased to say we haven't had to do that," said Patterson.

The 59 jobs lost will be from support staff, administration and faculty. Many of the jobs will be eliminated through early retirement packages.

"We are working in terms of about 20 people exercising the early retirement option," said Patterson.

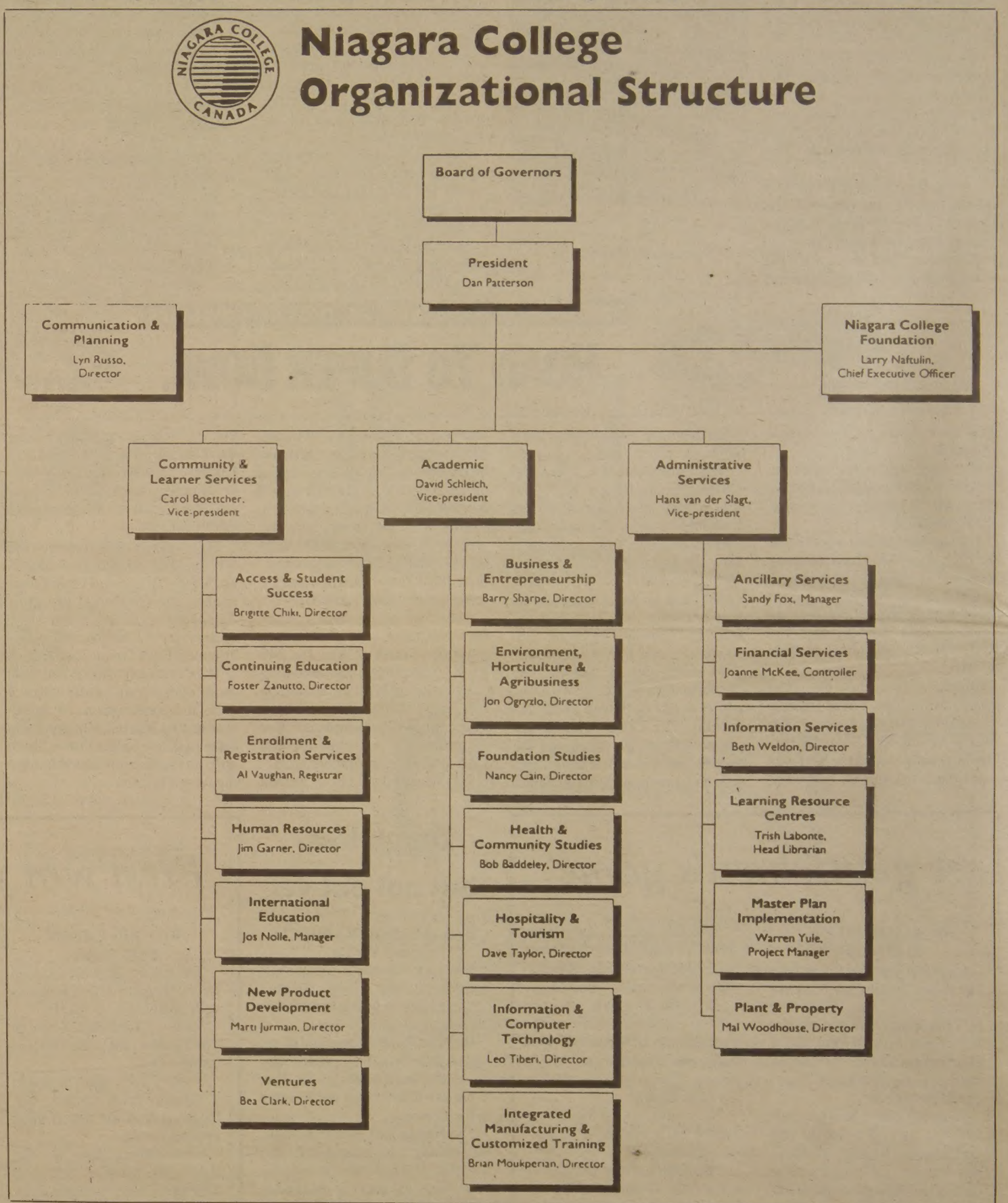
"I hope the reduction of support staff does not adversely affect the physical appearance of the college," he said.

"We will try to improve the physical appearance, it's disturbing to see garbage built up."

Patterson said despite cuts in administration, the college is working on how it welcomes students. "The challenge with the cuts is to achieve one-stop shopping. We have computer technology and customer service training to improve our ability to be more invitational to students."

The college is working with the unions, said Patterson.

"The dialogue is open and understanding, there is a common shared view with management and the unions, we are trying to solve the problems by working together."



Parent-advisory group for child care centre

By CELESTE DISTEFANO
Staff Writer

Niagara College Child Care Centre is starting an advisory program for parents and community representatives responsible for advising and helping the centre to improve its program quality.

"This will improve communication between us and the parents," says Pat Eversden, manager of the centre in Welland.

The parent-advisory group represents parent issues and needs in partnership with the child-care program, says Eversden, adding the group will reflect consumer needs and expectations of child care.

People who are in the parent-advisory program can take part in the following areas: parent education and meetings, advertising and marketing, fundraising, special trips, parent surveys, site review (repair, replacement), and feedback to child-care centre staff.

"I would like to see more students who attend Niagara and have children in the centre take part in the group," says Eversden. Most of the present members are parents who live in Welland and are not students.

Meetings are held once a month for one to two hours in the board room at the child-care centre.